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SUBJECT: MUTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

1. OFFICIAL ALGERIAN ARMY MONTHLY EL DJEICH APRIL ISSUE INCLUDES LENGTHY "DOSSIER" ON EVOLUTION OF COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM; IT ALSO DISCUSSES AREAS WHERE IT ARGUES BATTLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND DE-COLONIZATION CONTINUES. DISCUSSED ARE SOUTH AFRICA, RHODESIA, COMORES, TIMOR, DJIBOUTI, AND LATIN AMERICA WHICH RECEIVES TWO-PAGE TREATMENT ENTITLED "THE INCOMPLETE DECOLONIZATION".

2. LATIN AMERICAN ARTICLE, WHICH ALSO TREATS BELIZE, FRENCH GUYANA, ANTILLES, FALKLAND ISLANDS, PANAMA, AND US ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM, RESERVES MOST LENGTHY TREATMENT FOR PUERTO RICO; TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE IT CONSTITUTES FIRST EXPLICIT ELABORATION OF ALGERIAN VIEW, THOUGH ALGERIANS HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO VARIOUS PAST INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS.

3. MAIN POINTS OF PUERTO RICO TREATMENT INCLUDE
(A) DISMISSAL OF PROPOSAL FOR "PERMANENT UNION" BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND US AS A "NEW STEP TOWARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PURE AND SIMPLE ANNEXATION BY YANKEE IMPERIALISM".

(B) PRESENTATION OF PUERTO RICAN HISTORY
HIGHLIGHTED BY SUCH ITEMS AS STATEMENT THAT
"PEOPLE LOST ITS IDENTITY" BY JONES LAW IN 1917,
REFERENCE TO "RIGGED PLEBISCITE" OF 1950, AND
DESCRIPTION OF NEXT ELECTION AS "NEW ELECTORAL
FARCE".

(C) QUOTATION ATTRIBUTED TO SENATOR JACKSON THAT
"FOR THE US PUERTO RICO IS NOTHING MORE THAN WAR BOOTY".

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH TRIBUTE TO PUERTO RICAN
PEOPLE'S UNINTERRUPTED BATTLE FOR INDEPENDENCE DESPITE
HAVING ITS REVOLTS STIFLED BY "BLOOD" AND "MASSACRES".

5. COMMENT: BEGIN LOU WE HAVE MADE OUR PUERTO RICAN
CASE TO GOA SEVERAL TIMES AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE IT.
GENERAL ALGERIAN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMANDS ON PUERTO RICO
HAS BEEN TO ASSERT NEED TO SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF PUERTO
RICAN INDEPENDENCE BUT TO IMPLY WILLINGNESS NOT TO PRESS
ISSUE. EL DJEICH ARTICLE FALLS IN FIRST CATEGORY --
SUPPORT OF PRINCIPLE. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO
LIMIT ANY PRESSURE. END LOU. PARKER

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